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DISPATCH NO. STTA-2456

SECURITY INFORMATION

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TO : Chief, SE

DATE: 29 July 1953

FROM : []

INFO: []

SUBJECT: GENERAL— VIRULENT/INTEL

SPECIFIC— British Operations in Albania

REF: TRIE-1050, TRIE-1017, DIR-10835, TRIE-1048

1. The following information was obtained by [] from Anton SYKU, an Albanian refugee, on 9 July 1953. Evaluation: B/6.
2. While Anton SYKU was a refugee in the Gerovo DP Camp, Yugoslavia, in April 1953, he received a letter from his cousin Dede Zef PRELA, 24 Ulica Masarikova Sabac, Yugoslavia, who related the following story.
3. In the latter part of 1952, PRELA, Ndue FRROKA and three other unidentified Albanian refugees from Camp Lavion near Athens were landed off the Albanian coast of Bregu Majes by a British submarine. The group operated out of Mere E Teques, Ishull and PRELA's native village of Kakarriq with the aid of their contact man, Mirash CUNI. After 45 days of operations, the three unidentified members of the mission were killed during a fight with Sigurimit forces. With the assistance of UDB agents operating in Albania, PRELA and FRROKA escaped into Yugoslavia in March 1953.
4. PRELA was a member of the Albanian Frontier Guards from 1950 until his escape to Greece on 22 February 1951. In the form of reprisals following PRELA's escape, his wife File, two daughters and one son were arrested by Sigurimit agents and confined in the Tepelena Concentration Camp. PRELA, a follower of King Zog, is about 30 years old; 5'10" tall; 170 pounds; brown hair; grey eyes; Roman Catholic; attended elementary school.
5. OVERSHADOW has persuaded SYKU to write a letter to PRELA requesting additional data on the British operation. SYKU has further agreed to allow OVERSHADOW to view and mail the letter to PRELA. The Mission will photograph all letters prior to mailing them to PRELA. Return mail, although addressed to SYKU, will be passed to [] unopened by SYKU. Any information obtained from PRELA will be forwarded []

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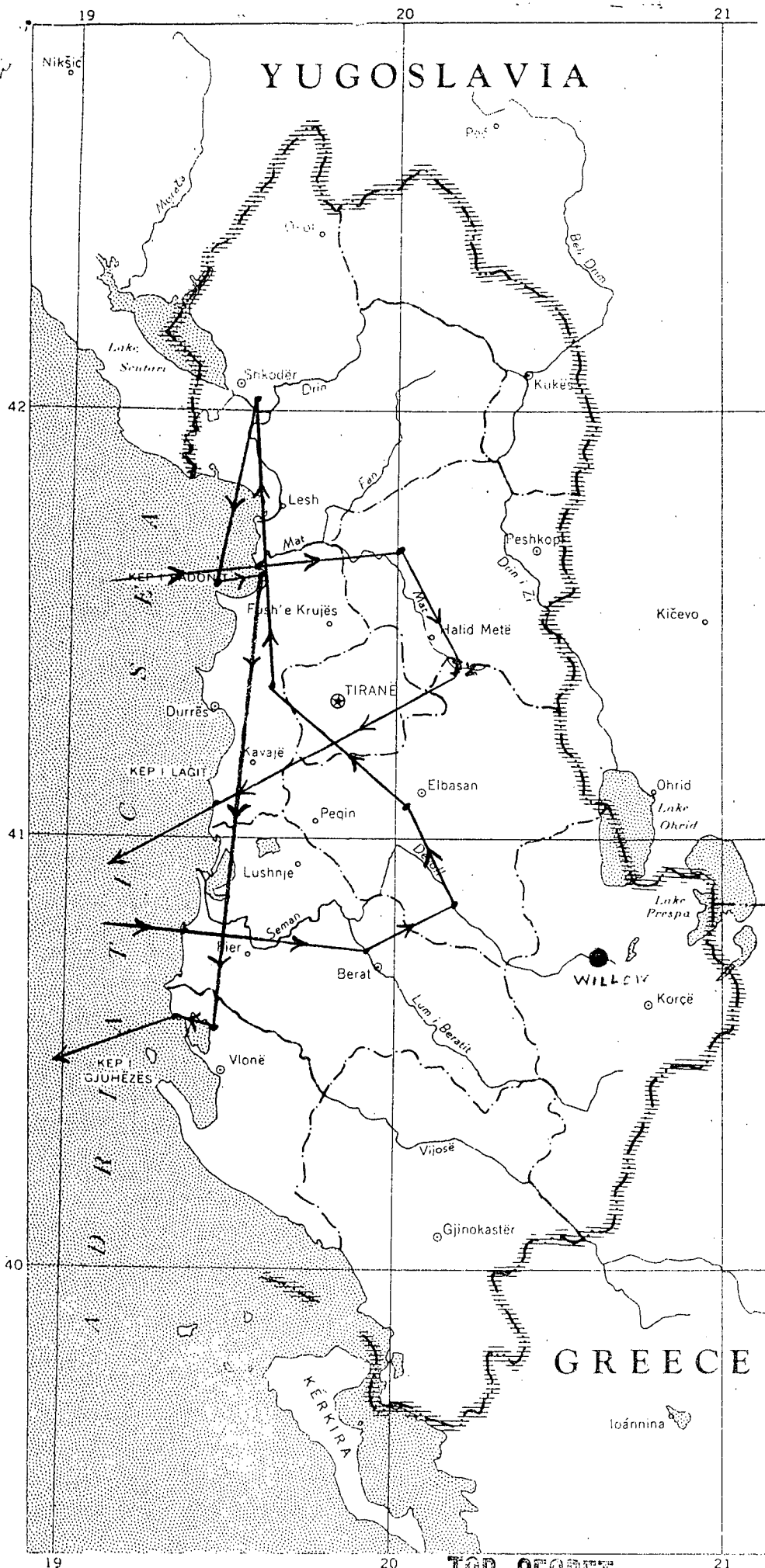
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● - AREA OF OPERATIONS
 5-MAN WILLI IV TEAM
 INFILTRATED -- 5/6 JULY 53
 REINFILTRATED -- 26 JULY 53

→ - APPLE TEAM RESUPPLY
 3 JULY 53 - ABORTED - WEATHER
 22 JULY 53 - SUCCESSFUL -
 5 BUNDLES, 900 LBS.

DZ - APPLE TEAM OPERATIONS AREA

→ - LEAFLET DROP
 54 BUNDLES, 500 LBS. LEAFLET
 HIGHWAY SATURATION METHOD

July 1953

ALBANIA

0 20 40 MILES
 0 20 40 KILOMETERS

Visual Aids

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